2008-09: Our journey toward excellence

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Approximately 7,000 hours ago ...

4,000-plus children joined the CCPS family.

With a student enrollment of 58,571, CCPS is the fourth-largest public school division in Virginia.
Somehow, somewhere …

a miracle happened each day in at least one CCPS classroom.
A tribute to the 2008-09 school year

Simply
the best!

All Chesterfield schools were fully accredited in 2008-09, making us the largest division in Virginia with this status.

Our students made significant gains on Standards of Learning tests, outscoring state averages in every area.
A CCPS three-peat

CCPS made AYP under federal No Child Left Behind legislation for the third straight year.

51 of Chesterfield’s 61 schools were classified as having made AYP.
We’re a VIP!

Virginia honored 43 Chesterfield schools and the school division with Virginia Index of Performance awards.

Chesterfield earned more VIP awards than any other school system in central Virginia, with 10 of our schools winning the highest honor.
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Ten Chesterfield County schools were recognized with the Governor’s Award for Educational Excellence:

Gordon Elementary  Woolridge Elementary
Grange Hall Elem.  Midlothian Middle
Robious Elementary  Robious Middle
Swift Creek Elem.  Swift Creek Middle
Weaver Elementary  Midlothian High
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Eighteen Chesterfield schools earned The Board of Education Excellence Award.

Beulah Elementary  Harrowgate Elem.
Bon Air Elementary  Hening Elementary
Clover Hill Elem.  Providence Elementary
Crenshaw Elem.  Alberta Smith Elem.
Curtis Elementary  Spring Run Elementary
Enon Elementary  Watkins Elementary
Evergreen Elem.  Wells Elementary
Gates Elementary  Cosby High
Greenfield Elementary  James River High
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Fifteen Chesterfield schools earned The Competence to Excellence Award.

Bellwood Elementary  
Bensley Elementary  
M. Christian Elem.  
Crestwood Elem.  
Davis Elementary  
Ecoff Elementary  
Jacobs Road Elem.  
Reams Road Elem.  
Salem Church Elem.  
Bailey Bridge Middle  
Bird High  
Clover Hill High  
Manchester High  
Monacan High  
Thomas Dale High
We have what parents want!

The school division recently earned its 17th What Parents Want Award.

In 2009, the top 16 percent of the nation’s nearly 16,000 public school divisions earned this award from SchoolMatch.
On time and prepared

Virginia’s newly calculated on-time graduation rates showed more than 84 percent of CCPS students graduated on time.

Chesterfield students continue to outperform their peers across Virginia; Virginia’s overall on-time rate is 81.3 percent.
Communities In Schools of Chesterfield celebrated 16 years of helping 2,000 students achieve success.

The public-private partnership has contributed more than $2 million to CCPS and supports five schools: Bellwood, Chalkley and Ettrick elementary schools, Perrymont Middle and Chesterfield Community High.
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- In this fall’s United Way campaign, CCPS employees set a division record by pledging more than $240,000.

- Elementary school students contributed nearly $5,000 in just one week in “A Little Change Can Make a Big Difference” effort.
School awards

Providence Elementary School won an Education in Action prize for its MVP program. MVP stands for Men Volunteering for Providence.

Bon Air Elementary School won an Education in Action prize for its English Speakers of Other Languages literacy class.
School awards

Falling Creek Middle School won an Education in Action prize for its Future City Project.

Community High School won an Education in Action prize for its community building program.
Five high schools – Clover Hill, James River, Meadowbrook, Midlothian and Monacan – were named among the best high schools in America by Newsweek magazine. The Challenge Index measures a public high school’s efforts to challenge students with rigorous coursework.

Midlothian High was recognized as one of the country’s top high schools by U.S. News & World Report in collaboration with School Evaluation Services. Midlothian High was one of 504 schools to earn a silver ranking.
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- Bird High School’s robotics team won the regional FIRST competition, never losing a match during the competition held at VCU. The Robohawks also won the prestigious General Motors Industrial Design Award.

- Manchester High School specialty center students Jamet Jackson and Megan Moore won Fox Richmond’s Lights, Camera, Take Action! student video contest to raise awareness of the consequences of underage drinking and driving.
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• Carver Middle School earned the prestigious Panasonic National School Change Award. It was one of six schools nationally to receive this recognition.

• Two middle schools – Elizabeth Davis and Tomahawk Creek – opened on schedule.

• Matoaca Middle School won the Spirit Award and also won awards for pentathlon, trajectory and anatomy at the Virginia Science Olympiad state tournament. More than 700 students competed.
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- Crestwood, Weaver and Clover Hill High were named Virginia Naturally Schools for supporting environmental conservation.

- Robious, Watkins and Weaver elementary schools recycled more than 8,000 pounds of waste in a year-long competition.

- Matoaca Elementary students created an award-winning Earth Day slogan for Fort Lee: Salute our Earth, Go Green.
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2009 Teacher of the Year
Nicole Winter, Cosby
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2010 Teacher of the Year
Carolyn Wilkerson, Tomahawk Creek
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Laura Marshall, a third-grade teacher at Grange Hall Elementary, was one of 80 teachers nationally recognized with a $25,000 Milken Educator Award.
Eleven additional Chesterfield teachers achieved National Board certification, which is one of the highest credentials in the teaching profession. This brings to 78 the number of National Board Certified Teachers working in Chesterfield County Public Schools.
Four Chesterfield teachers won R.E.B. Awards for Teaching Excellence:

- Matthew Edinger from Perrymont Middle won $6,500 to travel to Poland to participate in an archaeological field school.
- David Hunt from Manchester Middle won $11,000 to visit model schools around the country that feature innovative programs in youth fitness.
- Shannon Magne from Ecoff Elementary won $10,200 to travel to Italy and Greece to study ancient Greece and Roman history.
- Martha Smith from Watkins Elementary won $11,000 to visit and study historic structures in England and Scotland from an engineering perspective.
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- Monacan High Principal David Sovine was selected as the winner of Chesterfield County Public Schools’ 2009 R.E.B. Award for Distinguished Educational Leadership. The annual awards program recognizes Richmond-area principals who go beyond the day-to-day demands of their position to create an exceptional learning environment.

- The Virginia High School League bestowed its Torch of Honor on Manchester High Principal Pete Koste. This is the highest award the league gives.
Watkins Elementary Principal Marlene Scott was selected as a member of the Technological Literacy Assessment Framework Planning Committee, which is creating a technological literacy assessment framework for U.S. students.

Evergreen Elementary Principal Joyce Lanier was the Virginia winner of the James D. Mullins Leadership Award. The award recognizes administrators who demonstrate exceptional support for reading.
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- The National Art Education Association named Naomi Swyers of Elizabeth Davis Middle its 2009 Southeastern Region Middle Level Art Teacher.

- Chester Middle School physical education teacher Deanna Castelvecchi was named the Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year by the Virginia Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

- Anne Canipe, who teaches ninth-grade world history at Cosby High School, was named by the Veterans of Foreign Wars as Virginia’s High School Teacher of the Year.
Thanks to the continued support of the Midlothian Rotary Club, 128 students were recognized as Students of the Year.

Students earned distinction for demonstrating citizenship and the school division’s core values of respect, responsibility, honesty and accountability.
Approximately two weeks ago ...

4,000-plus children left the CCPS family.

Thank you for the role you played in preparing them for future success.
Guess what ...

In approximately 77 days, another 4,000-plus children will join the CCPS family.

WE WILL BE READY!